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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on July 11, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)
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